

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Stacey Bressler is a hard-working leader and volunteer in our community. The St. Helena Chamber of Commerce has recognized her contribution to the health and vitality of our people and economy. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today and congratulate her on this well-deserved award.

HONORING DR. ALOIS KERTZ FOR RECEIVING THE MISSOURI DAIRY HALL OF HONORS' MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Alois Kertz on receiving the Missouri Dairy Hall of Honors' Meritorious Service Award.

Dr. Alois Kertz was born and raised in Bloomsdale, Missouri as one of six children to Andrew and Mathilda Kertz. He became passionate about the dairy industry through his time growing up on the family dairy farm. Dr. Kertz would go on to graduate from the University of Missouri with a bachelor's degree in Dairy Husbandry in 1967 and a master's degree in Dairy Cattle Nutrition in 1968. He then earned a Ph.D. in Animal Nutrition from Cornell University in 1973. Between earning his master's degree and his Ph.D., Dr. Kertz faithfully served in the United States Army as a Nutrition Research Officer in Natick, Massachusetts and then as a Platoon Leader/Food Supply Manager in Thailand during the Vietnam War. He earned the Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service in 1969 through 1970 for his dedicated service to our country.

From 1973 to 1975, Dr. Kertz was employed as a dairy nutritionist at Ralston Purina Company. He then worked for Purina Mills as the manager of dairy and ruminant research from 1975 until 1991, at which point, Dr. Kertz became the director of dairy applied research, nutritional consulting program, and technical services at Purina Mills. Dr. Kertz founded ANDHIL, LLC in 2001 as a tribute to his father's dairy herd through which, Dr. Kertz advises clientele from a variety of private companies, agencies, research institutions, dairy organizations, and publications. Throughout the years, Dr. Kertz has also traveled the world to places like Spain, Italy, South Korea, and Brazil to serve as an on-farm consultant and trainer. In the process of those travels he has become a world renowned leader and researcher in the dairy industry.

Dr. Kertz's work has been published in over thirty scientific journal articles. Additionally, he has written numerous articles and has presented to dairy producer groups here in the United States and around the world. He is an active member of the American Dairy Science Association, American Society of Animal Science, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Society for Nutrition, Dairy Calf and Heifer Association, the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists, and serves as a charter member/diplomat of the American College of Animal Nutrition. Recently, Dr. Kertz's expertise has been utilized by the Masaka Diocese in Uganda to start a dairy cow program that is de-

signed to help families in their community get out of poverty.

Dr. Kertz's lovely wife Molly and their four children, Julia, Emily, Nicholas, and Mary are thrilled that his years of hard work are being rewarded with this well-deserved honor. Dr. Kertz has always been known as an incredibly faithful, patient, and generous man. He is a devout Christian and active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Mary Queen of Peace Parish in Webster Groves, Missouri.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Dr. Alois Kertz on this well-deserved award that honors his lifetime of service to the dairy industry.

JONES ACT ANNIVERSARY

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2017

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico. Mr. Speaker, I was elected to seek equality for the 3.4 million American citizens living in Puerto Rico. I am the sole elected representative for the island and I represent more constituents in my sole district than anyone in this House.

I rise today to honor the one hundredth anniversary of the enactment of the Jones Act which conferred American citizenship on Puerto Ricans, on this day in 1917.

Since then, more than 211,000 veterans have served proudly in the U.S. military where they are equal in war but not in peace.

In battle, the sacrifice, blood, and life of Puerto Ricans is equal to that of other Americans, but in peace, at home, Puerto Ricans are second class citizen, unless they move to the States, which more and more are choosing to do because of the disadvantages they face at home.

In addition to the defense of the United States, Puerto Ricans have contributed to our country in many other ways: Puerto Ricans have served as U.S. astronauts, entertainers, athletes, Supreme Court Justices, and even members of Congress.

From the Borinqueneers of the 65th Infantry Regiment to actors and entertainers of all types, the people of Puerto Rico have been making important contributions to the United States in every field you can imagine for over one hundred years.

Mr. Speaker, as we recognize this important milestone, I urge my colleagues to take time to reflect on how decisions made in this chamber effect our fellow American citizens in Puerto Rico.

For too long, the U.S. has treated Puerto Ricans as second-class citizens. The unequal treatment Puerto Rico receives under most federal programs is a primary cause of the economic and fiscal crisis the island currently faces.

Only by treating the residents of Puerto Rico as it does residents of the 50 states will the promises made by the U.S. government to Puerto Ricans one hundred years ago this day be fulfilled.

That's why I stand with the will of the People of Puerto Rico, to be incorporated to the United States, as the 51st State of the Union, as requested in the 2012 local Plebiscite by 61 percent of voters.

Let this House fulfill the promise that the United States of America is a nation of liberty and justice, for all of us.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL GANG INVESTIGATORS NETWORK 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN K. DELANEY

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2017

Mr. DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 25th Anniversary of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Gang Investigators Network. MARGIN is a group of federal, state, and local law enforcement professionals, representing agencies throughout Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. who work together to promote officer and public safety by providing relevant gang information to law enforcement officers.

What started as an informal group of gang investigators, has turned into monthly meetings where MARGIN participants gather to exchange information on current investigations, gang structure, membership, and new trends and patterns. MARGIN helps our law enforcement successfully tackle the increasingly complex world of gang violence and keep our region safe. On behalf of my constituents, I'd like to thank the entire MARGIN membership for the work that they do to protect Marylanders.

CONGRATULATING MR. AND MRS. BRADLEY AND KATHERINE MORROW UPON THE BIRTH OF THEIR SON, FINNEGAN FOX MORROW

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor constituents of mine, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley and Katherine Morrow, on the birth of their son, Finnegan Fox Morrow. Bradley and Katherine are residents of Jefferson City, Missouri and welcome their new son into their family along with older brother Bennett.

Bradley and Katherine were married on September 15, 2012 and Finnegan was born on September 14, 2016, which made for a wonderful 4th wedding anniversary present. Bradley works for Division of Professional Registration with the State of Missouri and Katherine is a marketing designer for a Jefferson City magazine.

Many family members have been excited to welcome Finnegan, including maternal grandparents Milton and Cherie Barr, paternal grandparents Sally, Michael and Elizabeth Morrow, and paternal great-grandparent Joseph Morrow.

I ask you to join me in congratulating the Morrow family on this new addition to their family.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER

HON. DOUG LAMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2017

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Placer County